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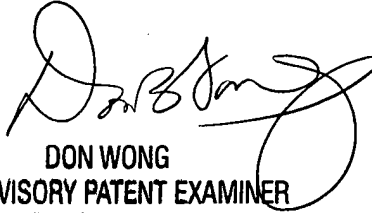
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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 28 December 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
- a) ☐ entered.
  - b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
  - c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
  - d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
  - e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The amendment filed 12/14/07 after the Notice of Allowance dated 9/21/07 fails to comply with the requirements of section 714.16 of the MPEP, in that a proper 312 amendment request must include a statement as to why the amendment was not earlier presented as well as the reason as to why the amendment is needed. Note the following section of the MPEP specifically bars request purely intended for continued prosecution.*

  
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